

OFFICES OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENSE

Inasiguran I Tano' Guahan/Ufisinan Difensia Sibet 221-B Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 475-9600 / Fax: (671) 477-3727

Website: www.ghs.guam.gov

Samantha J. Brennan Homeland Security Advisor Charles V. Esteves Administrator

For Immediate Release December 27, 2021, 8:30 a.m. (ChST)

High Risk of Rip Currents in Effect Through this Afternoon

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **high risk of rip** currents, which remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon. Large breaking waves up to 9 feet and dangerous rip currents are expected along east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous surf, especially east facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/

GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/

GHS/OCD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/

For more information, contact GHS/OCD Public Information Officer Jenna G. Blas at (671) 489-2540 or via email at <u>jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov</u>.

-###-